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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

*INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS*

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 9 June 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

*Remarks* begin on page 7 of this paper.